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RE: U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/776,880
Applicant: Kevin A. Rickman
Filed: February 11, 2004
For: Pool Cover Drain System
Docket No. A310443.1US

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are:

- (1) Transmittal letter (1 page)
- (2) Amendment, which includes a Certificate of Mailing (9 pages);
- (3) Firm return receipt postcard

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir,

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action in the above identified application that was mailed on January 6, 2006. Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the subject of the invention and the assessment of the prior art.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 31-42. In an effort to expedite the prosecution of case, but in no way conceding the validity of the rejection of claims 9-13 and 15-17, Applicant is amending the application to cancel these rejected claims.

Applicant believes this amendment should not require the payment of any fees.

However, if any fee is required, it is authorized to be charged to deposit account, number 502346.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2 and Remarks begin on page 9.